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## Texas GOP gets tougher on immigration

Texas Republicans adopted another get-tough policy on immigration and bilingual education Saturday that some say will make it hard for the party to attract Hispanic voters in a year when the Texas population is turning increasingly Latino.

The platform encourages state lawmakers to create a Class A misdemeanor criminal offense "for an illegal alien to intentionally or knowingly be within the State of Texas," and to "oppose amnesty in any form leading to citizenship for illegal immigrants."

Texas Republicans also want to limit citizenship by birth to those born to a U.S. citizen "with no exceptions." The platform calls for the end of day-labor work centers and emphasizes border security, encouraging "all means... (to) immediately prevent illegal aliens."

The party's education platform calls for the end of federally sponsored pre-kindergarten, and opposes any mandatory pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. "We believe that parents are best suited to train their children in their early development," it says.

Bilingual education should end after the third year, according to the platform, and non-U.S. citizens should not be eligible for state or federal college financial assistance.

Opponents challenged party members with differing views to make their voices heard.

"Your party platform is your brand. It represents your values and beliefs and what distinguishes you from Democrats," said Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, chairman of the 44-member American Community Caucus.

"Republicans who don't agree should speak out and take a stand for

the sake of humanity," he said. "What they need are guns, or gas, and not artificial spin that's a cheap form of ignoring the single biggest problem affecting the Republican Party."

Hispanics will make up 78 percent of Texas' population growth over the next 30 years, compared with only 4 percent for whites, according to demographic projections.

Minority children already make up 66 percent of the state's 4.8 million public school enrollment — and Hispanics could surpass whites in the state's overall population by 2015, estimates show.

Not one of the state's 181 legislators is a Hispanic Republican. "The figures are irrefutable. I am extremely concerned," longtime Republican advertising executive and political consultant Lanel Sosa said of his party's future.

Need to catch out GOP primary voters booed out the only statewide Republican Hispanic elected official this spring when they rejected Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo.

"The party must do a better job of drawing Hispanics or what is now 'a serious problem,'" Sosa said, but can turn fatal.

Within a dozen years, Latinos could be electing Democrats "because Democrats have the right message and Republicans have the wrong message," Sosa said. "I don't think it will happen. If it happens, then Texas will turn into a Democratic state and once Texas turns Democratic... We'll never elect a Republican president again."

"But I'm not gloom and doom about that. I believe that survival drives the culture. Things will change when more

Houston GOP delegate Stuart Mayer said he's concerned about the party's relationship with Latino voters. "We must reach out to these people. If we don't, it's a big mistake," he said.

But he said the party shouldn't water down its principles. "Learn English in this country. I don't like going into Wal-Mart and seeing Spanish," Mayer said.

He wants to see troops on the border. "Close the border. I am not against any Mexicans or anything. Let's slow down the tide. I'm not saying send anyone back," Mayer said.

"When that happens so much of this emotional rhetoric will subside and we will be able to carry on a more civil conversation," Sosa said.

The party's vote targets, including Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, "get it" when it comes to issues important in the Latino community, he said.

"These are the candidates that are doing the right thing," Sosa said. "What the extremists in the party are doing doesn't reflect on the candidates."

"Disconnect" with Latinos

Though he doesn't agree with the GOP platform on certain issues, Sosa said voters generally gravitate toward candidates because of their personalities and positions on issues, not because of party platforms.

"It's not about the party. It's about what the individual candidate does or says," Sosa said.

MALC leader Martinez Fischer believes the GOP's "disconnect" with Latinos is beyond reproach. "It's a plague. Republicans have been afflicted with this illness since the 1860s," he said. "The only difference is their target. Back then it was the Irish and Catholics, today it's Latinos who are largely Catholic — I see a pattern here."



Dolores Frieden, another Houston GOP delegate, is a Hispanic who emphasized the importance of legal migration.

Seeing her party attract more Hispanics "would be nice," she said. "But it doesn't happen, it's not because it's not open to them. It's open to whomever."

The immigration problem can be solved by issuing enough work visas to fill jobs that U.S. citizens don't want to do, Sosa said.

Republican candidates get it," he said. "They won't have to make a false choice between security and humanity."

It's imperative for Republicans to reach out to Hispanic voters, said GOP campaign consultant and polisher Whit Ayres, president of the American Association of Political Consultants.

"If Republicans don't do better among Hispanic voters, we're not going to be talking about how we get Florida back in a presidential election," said Ayres, of Alexandria, Va. "We're not going to be talking about how we keep from losing Texas."

## As Hispanic Leaders Meet, The Uncommon Becomes Commonplace

By Arturo Vargas

This week, we are convening 2010's largest gathering of Latino elected and appointed political leadership (June 24-26) here, and the circumstances are anything but commonplace.

As more than a thousand of us meeting for our 27th annual conference, the Hispanic community and the country as a whole are confronting unprecedented challenges. All share in the horror of what is occurring in the Gulf of Mexico and the impact BP's Deepwater Horizon blowout will have on the environment, on the national and world economy and the livelihood of millions.

At the same time, the nation's attention has been drawn to Arizona, with the pending enactment of that state's SB1070. We have risked becoming a nation of discrimination rather than justice, oppression rather than liberty.

These two crises are front and center during our members' discussions.

The entire conference is framed by the results of a poll conducted by an independent agency for the NALÉO Educational Fund of 400 Latino registered voters each in the states of California, Colorado, Florida and Texas. Its findings on Latino registered voters' preferences for statewide candidates in their states as well as their views on President Obama, the Congress, the developments in Arizona, and their likelihood to vote in November will be released June 25.

Also on June 25, Secretary of

## Se Reunen Dirigentes Hispanos Y Lo Poco Común Se Vuelve Común

Arturo Vargas

Esta semana, estaremos reuniendo aquí la mayor congregación en el 2010 del liderazgo político latino electo y nombrado (juni 24 al 26), y las circunstancias distan de ser comunes.

En lo que los más de mil de nosotros nos reunimos para nuestra conferencia anual 27, la comunidad hispana y el país entero se enfrentan a varios desafíos nunca antes vistos. Todos compartimos horrores lo que ocurre en el Golfo de México y el impacto que tendrá la explosión de Deepwater Horizon de BP sobre el ambiente, las economías nacional y mundial y el sustento diario de millones de personas.

Al mismo tiempo, la nación va prestando atención a lo que ocurre en Arizona, con la promulgación pendiente de la ley estatal SB1070. Nos hemos arriesgado a convertirnos en una nación de discriminación en vez de justicia, en una nación de opresión en vez de libertad. Estas dos crisis son el enfoque de las discusiones de nuestros miembros.

La conferencia por entero queda enmarcada por los resultados de un sondeo que realizan una agencia independiente a petición del Fondo Educativo NALÉO, de 400 electores latinos registrados en cada uno de los estados de California, Colorado, Florida y Texas.

Los hallazgos sobre las preferencias de los electores latinos registrados en cuanto a sus candidatos estatales así como su perspectiva sobre el presidente Obama, sobre el Congreso, sobre los eventos en Arizona y la probabilidad que ven en noviembre, saldrán el 25 de junio.

También el 25 de junio, la Secretaría del Departamento de Trabajo, Hilary Solis, analizará las políticas de la administración de Obama en cuanto a la

y la situación del Golfo, con un enfoque en la seguridad del oilero, y los empleos verdes. Junto con ella estará uno de los mayores eventos de nuestra comunidad en tanto las preocupaciones con el tema de la energía, Federico Peña, ex alcalde de Denver quien sirvió durante la administración de Clinton como secretario de Energía como de Transporte.

Tres sesiones de la conferencia se dedicarán en el fin de cubrir aspectos de la problemática migratoria y la crisis en Arizona. El discurso inaugural del 24 de junio por la secretaria del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, Janet Napolitano, ofrece a la presencia de NALÉO claridad sobre la postura que toma la administración de Obama referente a la reforma migratoria integral y sobre su respuesta a la ley SB 1070 de Arizona.

El 26 de junio, otro discurso panel analizará con detalle los temas referentes a Arizona. Una sesión estratégica ayudará a nuestros miembros a determinar el mejor curso de acción que tomar para responder a otras propuestas "opcionales" estatales y para registrar a nuestra comunidad hispana creciente en Arizona. Alejandro Mayorkas, director del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de EE.UU. estará presente para ofrecer una perspectiva actualizada de los esfuerzos de su agencia por promover el nacionalismo y mejorar nuestros servicios migratorios.

Con un alto de tón de fondo, la conferencia abordará los asuntos que enfrentan los miembros de NALÉO día tras día, con la oferta adicional de una serie de sesiones sobre la educación, el sistema de salud, la sostenibilidad y el ambiente. Los nuevos hitos electorales a ser trazados en el 2011 y el gobierno como tema general.

## Susana Martinez May Become Nation's First Latina Governor

After cruising to victory in New Mexico's June 1 Republican primary, Susana Martinez will compete in November to become the nation's first Latina governor.

Martinez, who is the District Attorney of Doña Ana County, won 51% of the GOP primary vote against former party chairman Allen Webb (28%). With her hard-line immigration stances, Martinez also outpollled Webb 47%-28% on that issue.

Martinez promises to get the rule repealed. Additionally, she opposes providing undocumented students tax-paid lottery scholarships and encourages extra border enforcement.

Political science professor

very afraid," Armas says.

Both candidates state they oppose permitting undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. The law allowing them to do so was signed in 2003 by Governor Bill Richardson.

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If elected, she will succeed two-term Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson.

She is running against Democrat Diane Denish, currently the state's lieutenant governor, in what is expected to be a very competitive race. Martinez is endorsed by former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Both Martinez and Denish were primaries by three of New Mexico's largest newspapers, the Albuquerque Journal, Las Cruces Sun-News and Santa Fe New Mexican.

Martinez, 50, was born and raised near the Texas-Mexico border in Río Grande Valley. Her campaign Web site highlights her middle-class status, conservative values and beliefs in personal responsibility, less government, lower taxes and strong border enforcement.

Along with the usual boilerplate lines about creating jobs, reforming education and cleaning up state government corruption, she also says she wants to reinstate the death penalty.

Her husband Chuck Franco is Doña Ana County's undersheriff, and her stepson Carlo serves in the U.S. Navy. Long-time progressive political organizer and leader José Amas of Albuquerque says he expects Martinez's platform to resonate well statewide.

"Because of the conservative nature of New Mexico, the Democratic Party should be

Cristine Sierra of the University of New Mexico believes illegal immigration is not a priority issue for most residents. She isn't sure if Martinez is going to lead with it in her gubernatorial campaign because it's of limited appeal beyond the southern part of the state.

Sierra suggests Martinez will have a hard time finding support for her opposition to lottery scholarships for undocumented students, as well, considering Hispanics hold sway in the state legislature.

American Civil Liberties Union director of the regional Center for Border Rights Vicki Guebeca argues that there should be a reassessment of security at the border.

"When is it enough?" Guebeca says. "There's no crisis at the border. We're at a point in U.S. history where we have enough resources employed."

Republican John Sánchez, who is running with Martinez as the candidate for lieutenant governor, says the driver's license law is a threat to national security because it allows undocumented immigrants to use the license as identification.

He points to Martinez's record as a prosecutor as proof she is qualified to reform New Mexico, while providing leadership to the Hispanic community.

"I think it's important that the Hispanic community can look at us as role models. All Hispanics have the ability to dream big," he says.







# Pide MAD a la Convención Texana Demócrata que declare que "Texas no será como Arizona"

Dallas, Tx.- La influyente organización estatal Demócrata Mexicana (MAD) pedirá que la Convención Texana Demócrata declare en su plataforma política que "Texas no será como Arizona", durante su evento anual que se llevará a cabo esta semana.

Roberto Alonzo, presidente vitalicio de ese reconocido organismo, dijo que esta petición ya fue entregada por MAD al Comité de Plataforma Política de la convención, del cual él forma parte, a fin de unir a los demócratas texanos en torno a condenar y rechazar todo intento legislativo republicano que pretenda convertir a Texas en Arizona, al aprobar ese estado la persecución de sospechosos de ser indocumentados utilizando para ello su perfil racial.

Asimismo, Alonzo indicó que MAD pedirá también que la Convención Texana Demócrata se declare de "manera enérgica contra la anticonstitucional ley SB 1070 que el gobierno de Arizona pretende aplicar a finales del mes entrante contra los inmigrantes indocumentados".

"Como miembro del Comité de Plataforma Política de la Convención Texana Demócrata, la cual se realizará el 23 al 25 de junio, solicité a nombre de MAD que este importante evento anual refrende su compromiso de luchar a favor de la comunidad migrante y le envíe un claro mensaje de que Texas no será como Arizona", enfatizó.

El popular político mexicanoamericano dijo que una de las intenciones de esa petición es llevar tranquilidad y seguridad a una cada vez más "atomizada, atacada y perseguida" comunidad migrante.

"Miles de esas familias están sufriendo en carne propia el arresto y la deportación de que son objeto en otras entidades, por lo que en Texas no podemos permitir que esto suceda", aseveró.

Roberto Alonzo aseguró que la exigencia de MAD cuenta con un muy importante respaldo de los miembros del mencionado

comité, así como de los delegados que siempre rechazaremos y



condenaremos con dureza todas aquellas leyes que atenten contra los derechos de los inmigrantes, porque violan incluso nuestra propia Constitución".

Alonzo recordó además de que hace apenas unas semanas envió una carta a todos los congresistas texanos demócratas en la que les pidió que se declararan

públicamente en contra de la ley antiinmigrante SB 1070 de Arizona y se comprometerían con la comunidad migrante a luchar desde el Congreso para que "nunca Texas se convierta en Arizona".

Para apoyar esa lucha, la organización Demócratas Méxicano-Americanos lanzó un enérgico llamado de exhortación a "todos los migrantes -legales e indocumentados- a continuar realizando todo tipo de actos públicos para exigir del Congreso y Gobierno texano que rechacen todo tipo de propuestas legislativas que atenten contra los derechos humanos y civiles de los extranjeros, a pesar de que estos carezcan de residencia legal".

MAD dijo que para hacer más efectivo este combate contra la política antiinmigrante de los sectores más ultraconservadores de Partido Republicano y

de la sociedad civil estadounidense, la comunidad migrante debe enviar correos electrónicos, cartas, faxes y llamadas telefónicas, a sus representantes en las cámaras de diputados y senadores texanos "para advertirles que los castigarán con su voto en caso de que apoyen o aprueben cualquier propuesta contra los migrantes".

Por tal motivo, Roberto Alonzo dijo que a nombre de MAD entregó al Comité de Plataforma Política de la Convención Texana Demócrata -del cual el político mexicanoamericano forma parte- una carta para que esta convención refrende su compromiso de defensa a todos los inmigrantes al asegurar que luchará sin descanso para que Texas no se convierta en Arizona.

"Desde Texas lanzaremos en este acto un mensaje de enérgica condena a la ley antiinmigrante SB 1070 de Arizona y de exhortación a todos los estados para que respeten las garantías individuales de todas las personas que radican en los Estados Unidos, incluidas los indocumentados, las cuales incluso emanan de nuestra propia Constitución", enfatizó Alonzo.

## Defining Roles: Federal vs. State Immigration Authority

Washington D.C. - Today, the small town of Fremont, Nebraska is in the headlines after passing an ordinance that requires, among other things, that renters apply for an occupancy license - which also requires a legal immigration status check - before renting an apartment or home.

Although Fremont, Nebraska, and Arizona are the latest localities to propose measures designed to control and manage immigration, there have been many more attempts over the past seven years to pass similar bills. Like the other

efforts before them, there will be rationalizations for their passage and legal challenges to their implementation. Millions of dollars will be spent as these laws are battled in state houses, city halls, and the courts. However, the larger question is whether the federal government will continue to sit idly by as a patchwork of legislation proliferates around the country or will it finally assert its role, as defined by the Constitution, and delineate local authority with respect to federal immigration law? States have always played a role in federal immigration enforcement.

While the inherent authority of the states was historically limited to criminal violations of immigration law, the federal government could delegate broader authority to the local level. Programs like 287(g) have formalized this delegation process, while still maintaining some level of federal oversight. However, with laws like SB 1070 and local ordinances taking root, the states are taking it one step further in deciding for themselves what role they will play in federal immigration law. In other words, the authority that

what was once given by the federal government is now being taken by the states. What we are also losing in this process is the ability of the federal government to establish a uniform immigration policy that they can then be held accountable for. In the current environment it is unclear who is responsible for setting immigration enforcement priorities and who is responsible for their success or failure. "The federal government needs to act swiftly to reassert its authority over immigration law and policy," said Benjamin Johnson, Executive Director of the

American Immigration Council. "This is why a legal challenge against the Department of Justice against Arizona's SB1070 is relevant and necessary. A federal lawsuit isn't meant to discount the frustration with our broken immigration system, it's meant to define and then protect the federal government's Constitutional authority to manage immigration. The Administration can and should also withdraw a hastily crafted and politically motivated 2002 White House Office of Legal Counsel opinion that opened

the floodgates for state involvement in enforcing the civil provisions of federal immigration law." At the end of the day, a lawsuit alone will not end the vacuum created by the lack of workable immigration laws. While the Department of Justice takes up the legal challenge, the Obama Administration and Congress must put the immigration issue squarely back where it belongs - in the halls of Congress and on the desk of the President of the United States. For more information contact Wendy Sefsat at 202-507-7524 or wsefsa@immcouncil.org

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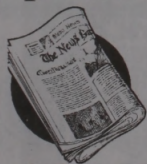
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# Los Angeles Film Festival: 'Revolucion' directors muse on a Mexico in revolt

# Independent Film, SPOKEN WORD, Featuring Ruben Blades

Carlos Reygadas admits that when he first heard the concept behind the new movie "Revolucion" — a compilation of 10 short films by 10 different Mexican directors — he felt "a little reluctant" to join in.

Omnibus movies, he knew, often add up to less than the sum of their parts. And the theme of this particular film came spring-loaded with significance: the legacy of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1920. Furthermore, the movie's release would be timed to coincide with this year's heavily hyped centennial celebrations taking place on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

in his landmark study of Mexican character. "The Labyrinth of Solitude."

"One of the things I'm observing in the films, as different as they are

mind.

The opening film by Fernando Eimbcke is a delicate, black-and-white allegory that could've been penned by Samuel Beckett about

Kingdom," which the actor filmed near his home in southern Mexico using friends and non-actor acquaintances.

Shot with 10 different cameras, it starts out in deliberately hand-held, homemade fashion as a verité portrait of a rural fiesta. But the action quickly speeds up, growing scary and surreal, as if the viewer were gazing through a mescal haze at one of Diego Rivera's more ominous murals.

Variance Films is proud to announce the acquisition of US theatrical rights for SPOKEN WORD, the latest feature from director Victor Nunez, featuring acclaimed actor, Ruben Blades.

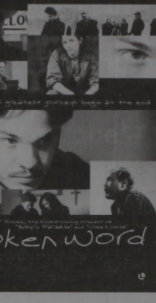
and developed in New Mexico to tell a universal story in a very



"Revolucion" ends on a suitably ambivalent note with Rodrigo Garcia's "7th and Alvarado." That address marks a well-known L.A. intersection near MacArthur Park, a hub of the city's huge Mexican and Central American citizenry.

Garcia, a successful film and TV writer-director ("Six Feet Under") who was raised in Mexico but has spent much of the last 30 years in the United States, says that one thing the movie's directors appear to share is "a vision that many of the tenets of the revolution have been betrayed."

WORD stars Kuno Becker as the lead character, "From Mexico With Love," the "Goal!" trilogy) as Cruz, a San Francisco spoken word artist who returns to New Mexico to care for his dying father, played by legendary actor and Grammy-award winning recording artist Ruben Blades ("Assassination Tango," "Once Upon a Time in Mexico"). Aided by shady nightclub owner Emilio, played by Miguel Sandoval ("Bottle Shock," CBS' "Medium"), Cruz quickly finds himself slipping back into the dangerous life he tried to escape. Seduced by the fast action and easy money, Cruz loses his poetic voice, his identity, and almost his life, before he finds a way to heal his relationships with his family, his community, and himself. The film was directed by Victor Nunez, who also directed the Academy Award-nominated and Golden Globe-winning drama "Ulee's Gold."



But Reygadas, the director of the critically praised "Japan" ("Japan" and "Luz Silenciosa" ("Silent Light"), changed his mind when he realized that, for a Mexican, reflecting on one's revolutionary heritage is a kind of national birthright. "It's something we have heard since we were children."

As for the films themselves, he says, given the variety of directors, "I knew like the styles and everything would be different. But I thought this would be an advantage rather than a disadvantage."

stylistically, they all have a pain of what our country is going through right now," says another participating director, Patricia Rigen, best known for her 2007 feature "Under the Same Moon" about a Mexican boy's perilous journey to reunite with his migrant mother in Los Angeles.

For U.S. audiences, the two most recognizable names among the contributors likely will be those of Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna, the stars of "Y Tu Mamá Tambien" (2001) and other touchstones of Mexico's resurgent national movie industry. "Revolucion" was conceived through the two actors' independent film company, Mexico City-based Canana, and spearheaded by their production partner, Pablo Cruz.

a small-town band rehearsing and awaiting visiting dignitaries who never arrive.

Gerardo Narango's virtually wordless drama (or political parable?), involving two bleeding men stranded on a desolate highway combines beautifully abstracted topography with the grotesque; almost cartoonish violence plays like a shotgun wedding of Sam Peckinpah and a Road Runner cartoon.

In sharp contrast, Rigen's sweet-natured film wrings comic pathos from the compact tale of a cynical Mexican American daughter transporting her dead father across the U.S. border for burial in his native village.

When I think of what the Mexican Revolution means today, of course I think of 40 million Mexicans in the U.S. trying to work," Rigen says. "I don't think the revolution was a complete failure, but many things weren't. That's why we need a new revolution."

If not urging their audiences to rise up and revolt, the shorts in "Revolucion" are decidedly more cautionary than celebratory. The movie offers no monuments, at least of the unambiguously patriotic variety.

Variance, in conjunction with Santa Fe-based Luminaria, will release SPOKEN WORD in New York at Big Cinemas Manhattan on July 23rd, followed by runs in Los Angeles, Denver, Phoenix, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Chicago, and additional cities to be added in the weeks following.

In a statement, Luminaria's William T. Conway said, "Written

specific place, SPOKEN WORD has attracted an amazing team of international film artists led by director Victor Nunez and stars Kuno Becker, Ruben Blades and Miguel Sandoval to help bring that story to life. As we embark on our theatrical release, Luminaria is excited to welcome Dylan Marchetti and Variance Films as part of that talented team."

Variance Films President Dylan Marchetti added, "Victor, Kuno, Ruben, Miguel, and the Luminaria team have put together a fantastic film, with great performances and a wonderful balance of emotion and warmth. Audiences are going to walk out of theaters absolutely glowing."

Judging by the compelling and provocative finished product, which will have the rounded coherence of short stories. Others are more like dreams (or nightmares) than narratives, registering as impressionistic snapshots or tone poems. Some bristle with caustic humor and bitterness. Others ache with nostalgia, expressed in images of the country's rugged, sweeping landscapes and its stoic, resilient populace.

Canana is also represented in the L.A. Film Festival with three selections from Ambulate, the traveling documentary festival started by Luna and Garcia Bernal. Last year Canana formed a partnership with LAFF to begin screening Ambulate films here. That relationship helped the festival, which is sponsored by the Los Angeles Times, to secure the U.S. premiere of "Revolucion."

"Amat Escalante's "The Hanging Priest" is a haunting sketch about two young children who discover a clergyman bound to a tree and left for dead in the wake of an unspecified atrocity. Equally chilling, but appallingly funny in parts, is Reygadas' "This Is My

But Reygadas believes that Mexico's troubling present someday may lead to a better, if still-elusive, future.

"To be honest, sometimes I feel like we are entering a tunnel," he says. "I feel like the glow of the country will diminish and we will probably have hard and dark times. But I think this will help for maturity, for real spiritual maturity."

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Collectively, the films raise many unanswered and perhaps unanswerable questions about where Mexico has been and where its people, politics and culture are headed. They offer a lively cinematic rejoinder to the rhetorical queries posed 60 years ago by the late Nobel laureate Octavio Paz

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# OU prez says Sooners, A&M got invite from SEC

The president of the University of Oklahoma said Wednesday

Boren said the SEC extended offers only to Oklahoma and

planned, while the SEC's offer was "more of a reaction to the situation. When they saw that the Big 12 might be more, that all the schools might go somewhere else, they then started thinking about 'Who would we want?'"

Scott said the Pac-10 offer went nowhere because Texas decided against it. Boren said it "basically fell apart because of the difference of opinion in Texas" regarding Texas A&M's interest in the SEC.

"One school doesn't like the other one to tell them what to do," Boren said, referring to Texas and Texas A&M. Texas A&M president R. Bowen Loftin was out of his office Wednesday. In a June 14 letter posted on the school's website, he said that by remaining a member of the Big 12, "We were able to more than double our financial return to the level being offered by other conferences."

Loftin added that another consideration in staying in the conference was maintaining Texas A&M's "strong foothold" in the state and preserving long-time rivalries.

Big 12 athletic directors met this week in Irving, Texas, to discuss the conference's future. Commissioner Dan Beebe said the Big 12 has "no interest in expansion" and that it was "not a consideration" at the meeting.

"There is a great deal of excitement about the future of the conference," Beebe said in a statement. "Our member institutions look forward to the continuation of excellent competition and providing outstanding experiences for our student-athletes. The Big 12 model is one that is extremely attractive and provides the opportunity for continued long-term success."

# Texas rep. says Big 12 saga could help doom BCS

The President of the most powerful advocates of a college football playoff system believes the Big 12's brush with death might eventually help doom the BCS.

It's not going to happen right away, said Texas Rep. Joe Barton. But the promise of renewed television riches that persuaded the Big 12's major football members to reject overtures from the Pac-10 has shone the spotlight on the huge financial jackpot awaiting a playoff.

"The reason the Big 12 stayed together is the commissioner was able to put together a deal that enabled Texas and Texas A&M to go from about \$8 million-\$12 million a year to around \$30 million a year," says the Republican said. "I don't really have a dog in the hunt as to how the conferences ought to be aligned. But I do think this moves us toward a playoff because we now know where the money is."

After Colorado announced it was going to the Pac-10 and Nebraska agreed to become the Big Ten's 12th member, the Pac-10 made a bid for all Big 12 South schools except Baylor. As Pac-10 commissioner Larry Scott flew from campus to campus in Texas and Oklahoma making his pitch, the Big 12 teetered on the brink.

Momentum seemed to be building toward a handful of 16-team mega-conferences.

As the drama unfolded over several tumor-filled days, BCS haters took heart that a historic, tectonic shift in the collegiate landscape would naturally result in a championship tournament among four or

five super leagues.

But after the Big 12 elected not to disband, only two other schools

"The fact is, nobody knows. As of today, we have six automatic qualifying conferences."

That number, however, could change in two years. The Mountain West, especially after adding two-time Fiesta Bowl winner Boise State, could gain an automatic BCS entry when the current four-year evaluation period ends after the 2011 regular season, though it lost Utah, which has won

two BCS games.

"The official date won't be compiled until after the four years, but intuitively looking at what they've done the last two years, we know the Mountain West is off to a good start," Hancock said.

Another sign of the long-range health of the BCS is its new four-year, \$495 million contract with ESPN. But Barton isn't buying it.

"All those contracts have a kickout clause. They could go to a playoff and modify the contract," he said.

Awakening action by the House Energy and Commerce Committee is a bill that Barton introduced that would make it illegal to market something as a national football championship unless every eligible team was given a fair opportunity to win it.

"If we've learned anything through the basketball and baseball playoffs, it's this: When you have a true playoff, the underdogs do stand up and bite every now and then," Barton said. "It would be more fun and exciting and now we know for sure that it would also generate a lot more money."



that his school and Texas A&M both received invitations to join the Southeastern Conference during the last round of conference realignment.

Although Oklahoma ended up remaining in the Big 12, university president David Boren said the Sooners had offers from both the SEC and the Pac-10.

Boren spoke with reporters after a regents meeting for almost 40 minutes on conference realignment.

"I'll put it this way - we were well positioned for whatever worked out," Boren said. SEC spokesman Craig Pinkerton said he was "not in a position to comment" on what Boren said. Boren declined to say who in the SEC issued the invitation, only that that person had the authority to do so.

Boren said the Pac-10 offer was for five Big 12 schools - Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech - to join as a group. Pac-10 Commissioner Larry Scott visited the schools earlier this month to extend the invitations.

"The invitation was really to the group," Boren said. "It had to be, because you couldn't have our team all flying to the Pacific coast every week to play games. There had to be an eastern division of schools."

Texas A&M, both of which opted to stay in a slimmed-down Big 12 after Colorado left for the Pac-10 and Nebraska left for the Big Ten. Because the SEC offer didn't include two of the Sooners' key rivals, Oklahoma State and Texas, Boren said he didn't consider it a good option.

"There was a time when A&M thought they were going to the SEC and they very much wanted us to go with them," Boren said. "Oklahoma, in the whole thing, we were positioned in a way where virtually we could not have lost."

Last Friday, Oklahoma State president Burns Hargis confirmed that his school "never had an offer" from the SEC, "so it was never anything to consider." Both he and Boren expressed a strong interest in sticking together through any future conference realignment.

"Had the Pac-10 thing fallen apart, had the Big 12 minus two not been put back together, we would have probably ended up having much more serious conversations with the SEC, and (asked) would they take OSU and Texas, for example," Boren said. "It never got to that."

Boren characterized the Pac-10 offer as one that obviously had been researched and

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## The Authority of Jesus Questioned

By Sal Hernandez



### What is the Magisterium?

If I ask you who the bride of Christ is, what would you respond, with?

If your answer is the Church, then you are correct. If I ask you, are Jesus and His Bride one, what would your answer be? If you answered yes, then you are correct. It is all throughout Scripture who the Bride of Christ is and notice that Christ has one bride and not many. This is very important because too many people say that their church is the right church and they are wrong because Christ is not a sinner, is He? Our Lord is not an adulterer as many people have thought of Him by separating themselves from the Body of Christ only to start their own church. What a grave sin that is: to separate oneself from Christ means sin, does it not? Well, that is exactly what Protestantism is in that they protest the Truth in order to begin a church or go off with themselves to establish a bride or a harlot if you will because we know that Christ has but one Bride. Now, if Christ has one Bride, and we know it is the Church, just what Church is it that He calls His Bride? If you said the Roman Catholic Church, well, you are right again. Christ said what to whom and when? If you said to Peter, you are right again and if you said it was when Jesus and the Disciples were at Caesarea Philippi, you are correct.

It is important to note that if the Bride of Christ is His, then the Church can not be corrupted nor can any ever become contaminated in any way even though beginning with Judas we do see that there are bad priests that come along from time to time but the Bride of Christ, which is the Church, no evil can touch it for Jesus told us that not even the jaws of hell would prevail against it.

The Magisterium is the Church's teaching authority. It is that simple. Beginning with Saint Peter as the first pope and his council of Bishops, the other Eleven Apostles, have together taught us what it is that Christ wants from us and what Christ is giving us.

In the Old Testament we see the prelude of the Chair of Peter to be the Chair of Moses, meaning that in the Old they had Moses teaching the Israelites with full authority as well as those in sat in the Chair of Moses. Nothing could be challenged because when the one who sat in the Chair of Moses, knew and understood the infallible that He received instructions from God. Well, so much more so now in that Christ himself took Peter and said to Him that He was now Rock and that He is now the leader of His Bride or Church. No one could contest what Peter said for he was given authority by Jesus and told him that whatever he loosed on earth, it would be loosed in heaven and whatever he bound on earth would be bound in heaven. Is there any other Apostle that has this authority? No! Only Peter has full authority and he too has a Chair that remains to this day and in that Chair sits Pope Benedict XVI.

We have one King and that is Christ, but he has left us a vicar, and that vicar today is Pope Benedict XVI, whether you like it or not. The truth is the truth and too many try to contest it by pointing out negativity in attempt to display imperfections. Well, I strongly feel sorry for those people because they are speaking ill of the Bride of Christ. When one speaks ill of your spouse, they are speaking ill of you, are they not, for you and your spouse are one: true or not true?

This was a short and to the point explanation of what the Magisterium is and at some point we can go into it deeper for more clarity and understanding.

It goes to show how much God loves us in Him not only coming to live among us and then die and rise from the dead but too remain with us through His Bride, the Roman Catholic Church. Bold statement - but Truth - for who can contest it (only idiots will try).

# Family Counseling Services Breaks Ground on New Building

Family Counseling Services has been providing counseling services to Lubbock and the surrounding areas for the last 55 years. During 2010, Family Counseling Services is breaking ground on a new building in the Briercroft Office Park area. According to Board President Dawn Berry, "the building will allow space for the growth that has taken place in the agency." The agency currently provides individual, group, family, and marriage counseling on a sliding fee-scale basis. The agency does not turn anybody away because of their ability to pay. Family counseling services is a United Way agency. The new address for Family Counseling Services will be 5701 Avenue P. Our current address is 22 Briercroft

Office Park Suite #10.

For those consumers who want individual, family, group,

or marriage counseling, can call 806-747-3488 and also wanting to know the groups that Family

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Left to right: Board Members Colleen Sizemore, Dee Dee Williams, Tracie Blackwell, Margo Green, John P. Cervantez, Tammie Saucedo, Dawn Berry, Bryan Moffitt, Ricky Sherfield, Pat Johnston, and Addison Gradel. Photo by John P. Cervantez, 806-744-1654

## Osteoporosis: Fragilidad femenina

Dicen que las mujeres son más frágiles que los hombres, pero no precisamente en cuestiones sentimentales, sino por la osteoporosis, padecimiento que afecta más al sexo femenino.

riesgo de mortalidad.

"La mitad de las personas mayores de 70 años que sufre una fractura de cadera no vuelve a ser independiente para caminar, y uno de cada cinco pacientes fallece dentro del primer



"La osteoporosis se caracteriza por el aumento en la fragilidad esquelética que incrementa las posibilidades de sufrir fracturas sin traumatismo o por traumatismo mínimo", señala el reumatólogo Jorge Morales Torres.

Las estadísticas reportan que a los 50 años de edad hay cuatro mujeres con osteoporosis por cada hombre afectado, mientras que a los 60, la cifra es de dos mujeres por cada varón. "La enfermedad afecta más a las mujeres porque tienen menor cantidad de hueso y más alteraciones hormonales", explica.

El principal problema es que la osteoporosis es asintomática, el deterioro de los huesos se presenta a lo largo de los años y su primera manifestación es una fractura.

"Cualquier fractura ocasionada por un trauma mínimo es indicio de que la persona tiene fragilidad esquelética", advierte el especialista, "por ejemplo, una persona de 65 años que se rompe el tobillo por un tropiezo debe considerarse con altas probabilidades de tener osteoporosis".

Las fracturas más comunes son las de muñeca, y las más graves son las de cadera, porque causan invalidez e incrementan el

año de sufrir la fractura por la incapacidad, inmovilidad y complicaciones circulatorias que provoca", afirma el experto.

La población susceptible como mujeres posmenopáusicas y hombres mayores de 65 años deben someterse a una evaluación clínica y una densitometría ósea, para identificar oportunamente los casos de osteoporosis y elegir un tratamiento médico antes de que ocurra alguna fractura.

La densitometría ósea es una prueba no invasiva utilizada para determinar la densidad mineral ósea, a través de rayos x, ultrasonido o isótopos radiactivos. Actualmente existen tratamientos orales e intravenosos, que son efectivos para reducir la frecuencia de fracturas y sus consecuencias.

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